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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Monte J. Rhoads

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## For: Riser Assembly and Method for Coupling Peripheral Cards to a Motherboard

Examiner: D. Levi

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following remarks are proposed in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003.

Claims 1-58 are currently pending in the application, and claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-26, 28-50, and 52-58 stand rejected. Claims 4, 15, 27, and 51 stand objected to. Applicant proposes herein to amend claims 1, 9, 21, 33, 36, and 46.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks set forth below.